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Mark Spitzer, Chairman, ACC
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2927

Dear Mr. Spitzer,

You may be aware by now that there is a sizable "grass roots" opposition effort to combat the petition issued by the realtor/developer group. We wrote a letter last month to Ms. Madrid in Consumer Affairs (copy enclosed) affirming our support of Brooke Utilities, and are confirming this support to you and the other commissioners.

Unfortunately, our County Supervisors, acting as PSWID, seem to be in favor of this petition, but they are not representing Pine and Strawberry in this action, nor have they been since revoking the authority of the real Board. They finally released a financial statement through 12/31/03 showing a balance of \$83,086 – unconscionable considering the beginning amount, and that the bulk of the approved budget was for water development. Attorney Gliege has received \$28,589, mostly, I presume, to be an intervenor, which should not even be necessary if they were truly representing the community.

As to March 3rd, (and we plan on attending), we hope that Mr. Hardcastle will receive the authority to increase rates – our water bills have been very reasonable. We're full time residents, since January, '97, so have only heard the stories about the previous water company, but we do feel Pine Water Company has been doing a great job in spite of all its difficulties. We do emphasize again, as in the enclosed letter, that we want to continue under the governance of ACC.

Thank you for your attention.

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